Guidelines for the Prevention of Intravascular Catheter-Related Infections

Comments & Questions

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Line	Comment or Question
107	In the terminology section 107-117, tip location was not a descriptor used to identify the catheter. Suboptimal tip termination for central catheters (Acute CVCs & PICCs) has been associated with an increase in thrombus formation, which according to studies listed in this draft is a precursor to CABSI.
387	Out of sequence numbering. Change to # 5.
821	Out of sequence numbering. Change to #3.
852	Out of sequence numbering. Change to # 5.
854	Out of sequence numbering. Change to # 6.
1044	The references for the 96-hour interval change in tubing are from 1985-1987, with a meta-analysis from 2005 older studies. This recommendation is appropriate for closed systems or possibly infrequent interruptions. It appears that none of the references studied the number of interruptions in a 96 hour period. According to recent conversations with Jeffery Garland, MD there have been neonatal infusion systems that have been accessed up to 100 times in a 24 hour period. With the increase in the "non-closed" infusion systems, should this 96-hour interval come with any mention about closed vs. interrupted infusion systems?
1527	Out of sequence numbering. Change to # 5.